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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY

1. PERMDEL RECEIVED COPY OF CANADIAN NOTE RESPONDING
TO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARAB GROUP CANDIDACY,
JORDAN'S MINISTER OF EDUCATION, FOR PRESIDENT OF THE
20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. IN AUGUST 24 NOTE ADDRESSED TO ARAB GROUP CHAIRMAN,
AZIZ ALI HIDAR (IRAQ), CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BEAULNE SAID
HE WAS ASTONISHED THAT ARABS HAVE FIELDDED A CANDIDATE
SINCE BY WELL ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF ROTATION IT IS
WESTERN COUNTRIES' TURN TO OCCUPY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
PRESIDENCY. BEAULNE POINTED OUT THAT CANADA'S NAPOLEON
LE BLANC WAS NOMINATED BY WESTERN GROUP AS ITS
CANDIDATE ON MAY 8, 1978, AND THAT THIS FACT HAD BEEN
COMMUNICATED ON THE SAME DAY TO UNESCO'S DIRECTOR
GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS.
CONCLUDING, BEAULNE ASKED AZIZ FOR A PROMPT
CLARIFICATION OF THIS MATTER.

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3. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY TO CANADIAN NOTE AS OF
AUGUST 31. AMBASSADOR BEAULNE INFORMS US THAT HE WILL
CALL PERSONALLY ON EACH PERM REP INCLUDED IN THE ARAB
GROUP TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER.
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